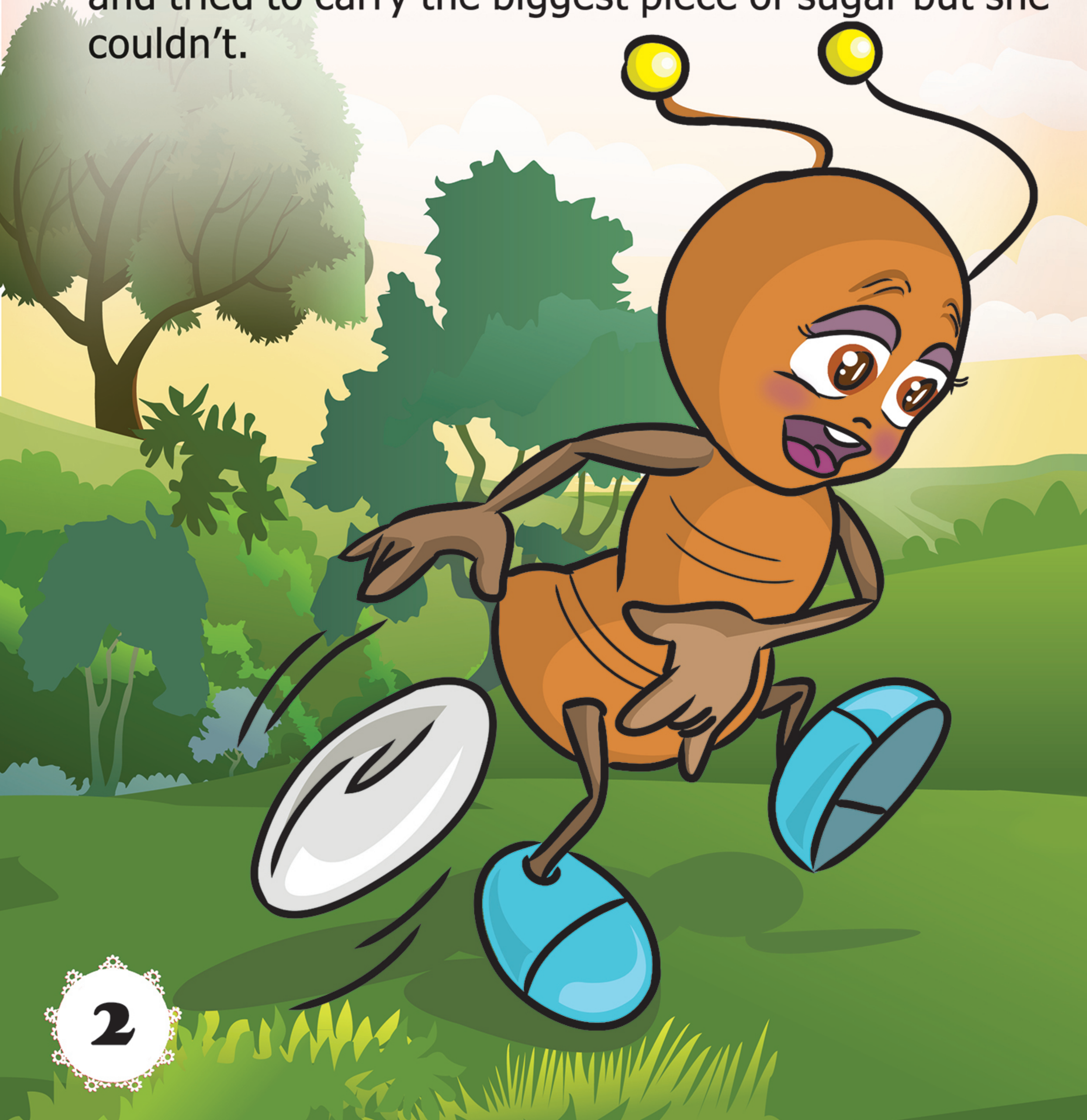


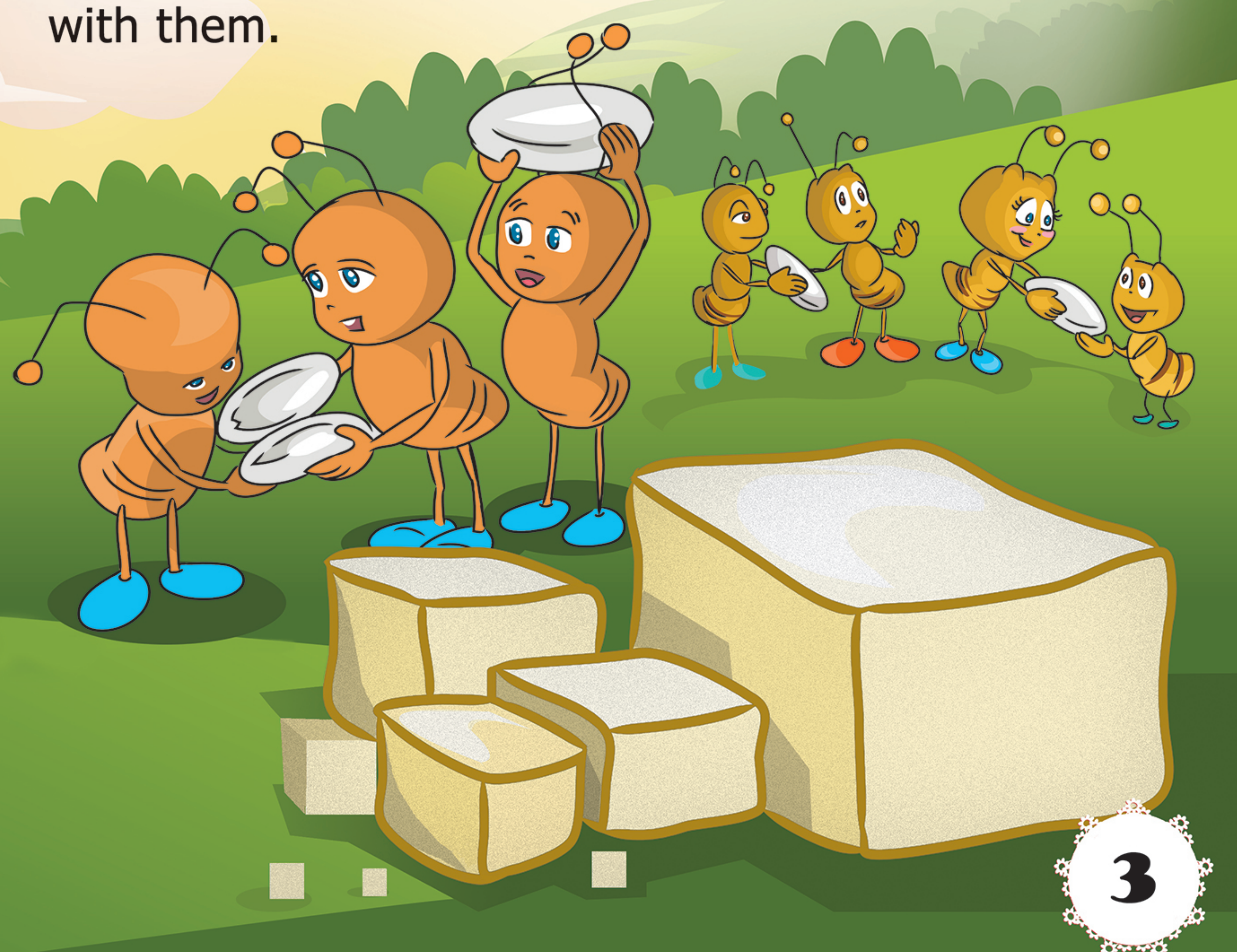
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The Greedy Ant

The ant was walking slowly carrying a rice seed alone. She refused to work with the rest of the ants so as not to share her food with anyone. While she was walking, the ant saw some sugar. She was happy. She hurried to it. The ant left the rice seed and tried to carry the biggest piece of sugar but she couldn't.



The rest of the ants came quickly to help her but she refused. She told them that she was the one who found the sugar and she would not allow them to take any of it. The ants were angry from her. They left her and took the rice seed which she left. The ant tried hard to carry the piece of sugar until she became tired. Suddenly, rain came down and it dissolved all the sugar. The ant was sorry for what she had done. She knew her mistake. She went to the ants and apologized to them. Since then, she cooperated with the ants and shared work and food with them.





The Brave Frog

The little frog was not able to jump and play like the rest of the frogs. One day, all the frogs were racing and playing together. The little frog came near them and wanted to play with them. The frogs made fun of him and the little frog was sad. He went away weeping. The frogs played for a long time until suddenly a large snake surrounded them. It ate up all of them. The snake didn't see the little frog that hid under a tree leaf. When the snake came near him, the little frog jumped over its head. The snake opened its mouth and brought out its tongue. It moved its tongue in the air trying to find the frog it smelled. The snake opened its mouth widely to catch the little frog that was on its head. The frogs took the chance and jumped out of the snake's mouth safely. They all thanked the brave frog who saved them.

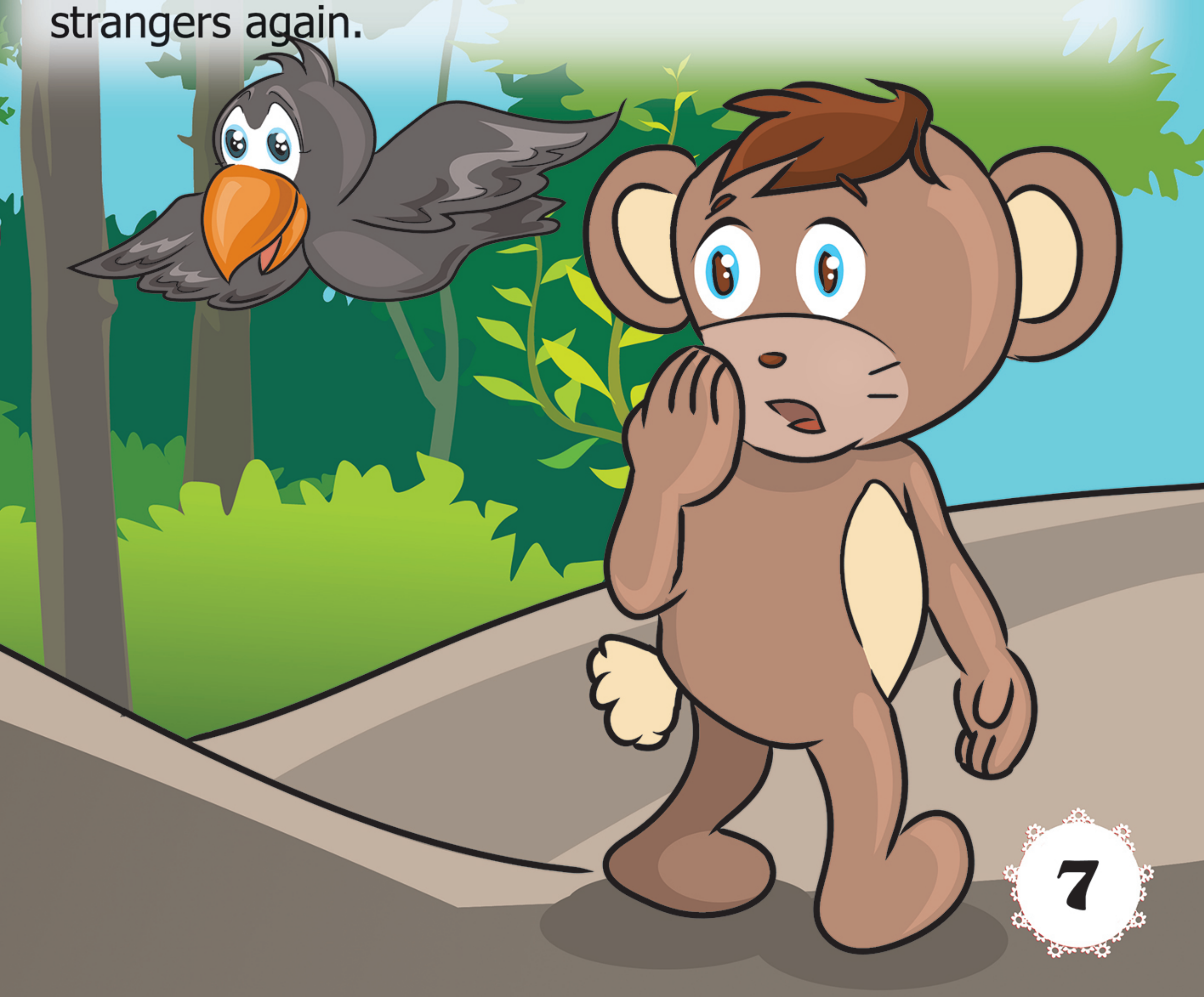


Besbes, The Cat

Besbes was a beautiful quiet cat that was loved by everyone. One day, Besbes was playing alone. A strange cat came to play with her. He told her that he knew a beautiful place full of interesting games to play in.



All the animals warned Besbes not to go with him but she was eager to see the place. She walked with the cat until they reached a that strange place covered with tall thick trees. Suddenly, the cat ran away laughingly and left Besbes alone. Besbes was terrified, she tried to go back home but she couldn’t. She cried and called out for her mother. Everybody was looking for her. The crow was hoverin in the sky. He saw Besbes and took her back home. Everybody was happy with her return. Besbes learned not to play with strangers again.





The Monkey And The Fox

The fox was hungry and he was looking for food. His mouth watered when he saw the berry tree. He tried hard to reach the berry but he couldn't. Suddenly, a monkey came and jumped on the tree. Instead of asking the monkey to bring him some berries, the fox thought of eating the monkey. The fox called the monkey and told him that he was sick. The fox kept crying and weeping until the monkey believed him and climbed down to help him.

The monkey came near the fox that jumped quickly and caught the monkey. The monkey thought and told the fox that he was small and would not satisfy his hunger. He advised the fox that it was better for him to eat some yummy berries with him. The fox was moved by his greed. He let the monkey go and ordered him to bring him some berries. The monkey jumped quickly on the tree and escaped laughingly the fox remained hungry.



The Careless Squirrel

The little squirrel was careless. While all the other squirrels were busy looking for food to store, he was playing and climbing trees. Whenever he found a hazel nut he played with it until he got bored then he ate it. The squirrels were advising him to stop playing and store food for winter. He didn't pay attention to their advice. Winter came; the squirrel stayed at home. He ate all the food he had until he ran out of food. The squirrel tried to look for something to eat but it was very cold. He wasn't able to go out of his house and he was about to die of hunger. He felt sorry that he wasted his time playing and he didn't store any food. The other squirrel helped him and gave him some food. He thanked them and promised not to be careless again and to store his own food.





The Mouse That Stole The Peanuts

The mice used to store some food for the time of they need. One day, the mice found some peanuts. They collected it and hid it. The greedy mouse stole the peanut. He dug a tunnel and hid the peanuts in it and covered the tunnel with tree leaves. The mice discovered that the peanut was stolen. They quarreled and accused each other of stealing it. After some time, the mice went to their burrows. The greedy mouse, then, went secretly to his hiding place. He ate the peanuts which he liked very much. He ate until he became full and he fell asleep. In the morning, the mice discovered the absence of the mouse. They became worried about him and they looked for him. The mice followed his smell until they found him in his hiding place sleeping. The peanut was scattered everywhere around the mouse. All the mice were angry from him. They blamed him harshly. The mouse felt ashamed of himself and he stopped being greedy.

The Naughty Dabdob

Dabdob, the bear always bothered his sister, Dabdoba. He took her food and made her fall on the ground to stain her clothes. His parents always blamed him for doing so. One day, all the animals gathered to celebrate the birthday of Dabdob and Dabdoba.



Their mother made them a big cake. They were all happy. But, Dabdob came near the cake without being noticed by anyone. He ate from the cake until his stomach was full. He, then, blow out all the balloons that were hung on the trees. Dabdoba cried and everyone was angry from him. They all went away and left Dabdob alone. Finding himself alone, Dabdob ate the rest of the cake and all the sweets. Suddenly, his stomach ached. Dabdob was crying from pain. He became sick and stayed in bed. The doctor came and treated him. Dabdob knew his mistake and he apologized for everyone. He never bothered his sister again.



Glossary

The greedy ant:

Rain: water that comes down from the sky.

The brave frog:

Race: A running competition among a number of people. The winner is the one who reaches the final point first.

Snake: a long dangerous animal. It has colored smooth skin. It has no legs and it creeps.

The monkey and the fox:

Berry: A delicious small fruits that has red or white color.

Besbes, the cat:

Thick trees: large trees that have intermingled large branches.

The careless squirrel:

Squirrel: an animal similar to the mouse. It has long thick tail.

Hazel nut: a small round fruit that has thick cover, brown color and nice taste.

The mouse that stole the peanuts:

Hiding place: a secret place in which someone hides or a place in which someone hides his important things.

The naughty Dabdob:

Cake: a kind of sweet made from eggs and flour, garnished by fruits and whipped cream and served in birthday parties.

